

REMARKS


In response to the Election/Restriction requirements set forth in the Office Action mailed on October 15, 2004, and in accordance with 35 U.S.C. § 121, the Applicants hereby elect **Group I, claims 1-3, 6-10, and 20-22, without traverse**, for prosecution on the merit.

Elected independent claim 7 is submitted to be generic to newly added dependent claims 23-27, which are directed to a polymer comprising a composition according to claim 7.

Page 7 of the Substitute Specification, claim 7, claim 10, and withdrawn claim 11 are amended herein to correct minor informalities. In particular, W¹ is amended as W (page 7, line 8, claim 10, line 2, and claim 11, line 3) and W² is amended as W¹ (page 7, line 10, claim 10, line 3, and claim 11, line 3) to be consistent with the definitions of W and W¹ on page 8, lines 4-8, of the Substitute Specification. No new matter is introduced.

By this Amendment, claims 1-27 are pending, with claims 4, 5, and 11-19 being withdrawn from consideration for examination purposes.

Respectfully submitted,



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